

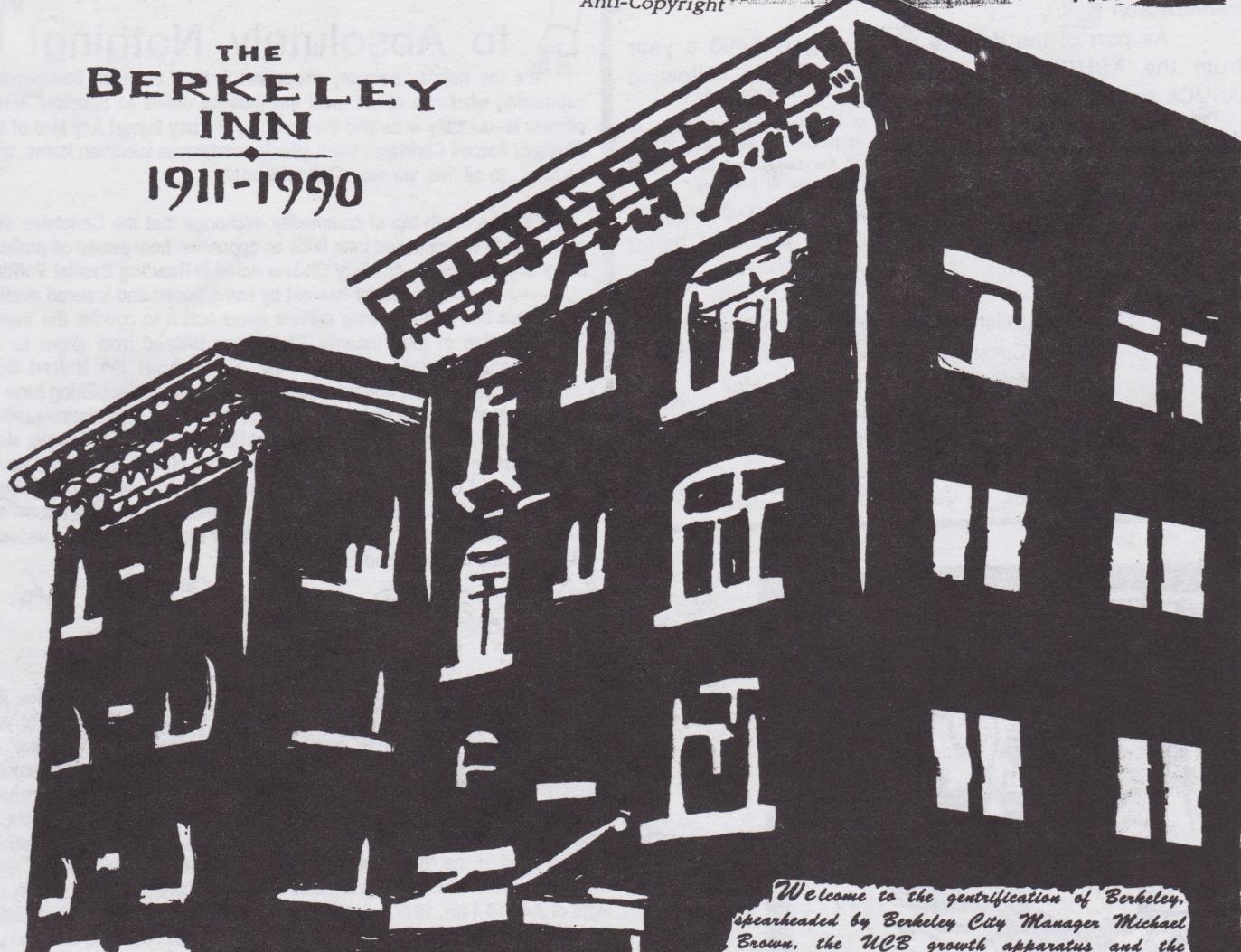
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MIDDLE EAST

Welcome to the gentrification of Berkeley, spearheaded by Berkeley City Manager Michael Brown, the UCB growth apparatus and the legions of money-hungry yuppies flocking to the area.

Pressure against the poor and non-conformists in the Southside has existed for years. But this Autumn, the City and University embarked on a vicious strong-arm campaign to change completely the face of the Berkeley Southside. Police violence against low-income, homeless, hippies, artists and even lawyers has skyrocketed. Small business are being uprooted, replaced by glittering neon chain stores. People's Park is scheduled to be paved over by UC this summer. The Berkeley Inn is gone - to be replaced with Dorms or a shopping mall?

All in the name of "safety for UC students" and "expanding the tax base" for Berkeley? It is high time for Southside and Berkeley residents to stop quietly believing the UC/City lies and take a firm stand against the "Westwood-ization" of the Berkeley Southside.

Slingshot is a sometimes monthly published student/community/radical paper. The views expressed in articles definitely have something to do with the author and usually (but not always) something to do with the Slingshot collective.

As of this moment we are in serious debt (about \$400) to various members of our collective. Send us money as soon as you can!

Slingshot is an ever-evolving collective always looking for fresh people and ideas. If you would like to get involved in any facet of the endless Slingshot shitwork (i.e., writing articles, artwork and graphics, layout, fundraising, distribution, ect..) leave us a note or come by to one of our Sunday 7 pm meetings at 612 Eshleperson Hall.

As part of the deal to get a measly \$400 a year from the ASUck, they make us print the following ASUck resolution, SB 36 :

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And if you thought the opinions in Slingshot were the opinions of UCB, then you're probably being "educated" very well.

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Fred Weekes For Berkeley Mayor?

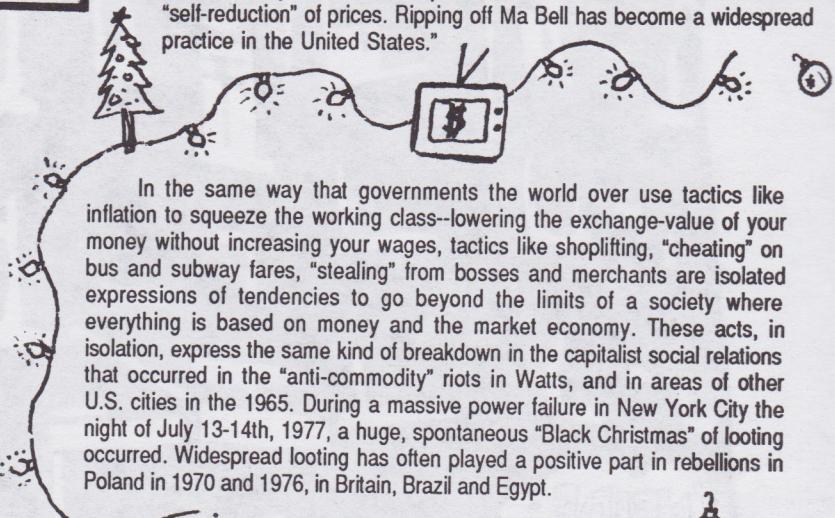
Prices Reduced

to Absolutely Nothing!

It's the holiday season, shoppers! A time of crass commercialism, expressing what one of our most fundamental duties as obedient American citizens is—our duty to defend the economy! To buy things! Any kind of things! Fireproof flocced Christmas trees, plastic reindeer on suburban lawns, specials on MTV...to all this, we say, "Bah Humbug!"

But the death-trip of commodity exchange that the Christmas season expresses in a heightened form finds an opposition from pissed-off proletarians every day of the year. As Harry Cleaver noted in *Reading Capital Politically*,

"Among those hit hardest by rising prices and lowered availability there has been growing militant direct action to counter the inevitable reduction of their income. They have passed from anger to direct appropriation and violent protest. Throughout the United States, business losses, and working class gains, from shoplifting have been rising steadily as more and more of the lowest paid workers refuse to pay the rising prices. In the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, stealing from the state has continued to grow. In places as diverse as Turin, Italy and Crystal City, Texas, workers have refused to pay rising gas and electricity bills and have practiced what has become known as the "self-reduction" of prices. Ripping off Ma Bell has become a widespread practice in the United States."



In the same way that governments the world over use tactics like inflation to squeeze the working class—lowering the exchange-value of your money without increasing your wages, tactics like shoplifting, "cheating" on bus and subway fares, "stealing" from bosses and merchants are isolated expressions of tendencies to go beyond the limits of a society where everything is based on money and the market economy. These acts, in isolation, express the same kind of breakdown in the capitalist social relations that occurred in the "anti-commodity" riots in Watts, and in areas of other U.S. cities in the 1965. During a massive power failure in New York City the night of July 13-14th, 1977, a huge, spontaneous "Black Christmas" of looting occurred. Widespread looting has often played a positive part in rebellions in Poland in 1970 and 1976, in Britain, Brazil and Egypt.

The best things in life are free

The "Black Christmases" and five-finger discounts mentioned here are ways people like you and me respond to the exploitative, declining society around us. In Italy they call shoplifting "proletarian shopping," because conscious working-class rebels know that everything in this society has been created by the exploitation of our labor power, and that any goods we want to take or destroy should be ours.

Everything you see in any store—you should take it without paying. Have fun and don't get caught—best to take some friends with you, a big group, and do it all at the same time. Go Ahead. Take it. It should be yours...

HAVE A MERRY XMAS SHOPLIFTING SEASON!

--Angry Workers Group (c/o 2140 Shattuck Ave. POB 2200, Berkeley, CA 94704)

history of the BERKELEY INN

For many residents of the Southside, the Berkeley Inn was their home. It's 80 rooms were cheap, funky and available, preventing countless persons, many disabled, most low-income, from having to live on the streets. It was a place to do your own thing, and not have to worry about the hassle of uptight landlords, security deposits, loneliness, etc. It was a place where many "outcasts" of society could live together in a somewhat supportive atmosphere.

Julia Vinograd, the "Bubble Lady" poet of Telegraph Avenue, lived in the Berkeley Inn for 15 years. Many of the same people you see homeless, hanging out in the Southside and park area also lived in the Berkeley Inn. It was their home, their permanent residence.

The Berkeley Inn was built in 1911. Originally a luxury hotel for parents of UC students, it became a Single Room Occupancy (SRO) hotel by the sixties. In 1985, it was purchased by Didar Baines Singh, an absentee slumlord from Yuba City, CA. After less than 4 months, he accrued over 100 citations for health and sanitation violations, and many of the residents went on rent strike.

February 1986: Owner Burns It Down

In February, 1986, Didar Baines Singh burned the Berkeley Inn in a deliberate arson fire. According to residents, on the day of the fire the management leaked news of the pending fire to some residents, cleared the top floor of the building of its inhabitants, and removed doors to fan flames. Gasoline-based accelerant was splashed up and down the halls, and the hotel's west wing was gutted in a late-night fire. Word had it that the manager who set the fire was paid \$20,000 for his efforts. This fire happened the day after a landmark Supreme Court case upholding Berkeley rent control.

After a shoddy and worthless investigation, the Berkeley fire department failed to press charges against the obvious culprit. Baines soon received a \$600,000 settlement from his insurance carrier.

No one died directly in that fire, but a year later, four homeless Berkeleyans died in a fire in an abandoned building they were sleeping in. Two of them were former Berkeley Inn residents.

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queer IS NOT ENOUGH

With the emergence of ACT-UP and QUEER NATION, Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual activism has enjoyed a strength not seen since the assassination of Harvey Milk.

Together the two groups have been at the forefront of leftist activism, and in many ways have set a new, more queer, tone for social struggle into the nineties.

The successes they have enjoyed have not come without their share of problems. Issues of race, class and gender have threatened to render both groups ineffective, or worse even ultimately reactionary.

If QUEER NATION and ACT-UP, or more importantly the queer movement in general, can effectively deal with these issues, and develop a broader critique and analysis, truly radical struggle can be waged.

•ACT-UP•

ACT-UP has been the strongest driving force in the struggle against AIDS. They have been more than instrumental in forcing the lowering of AZT (the only FDA approved AIDS treatment), the expansion and simplification of experimental drug trials, and in keeping the issue firmly in the usually fickle public eye.

Internally ACT-UP has been struggling with vital questions about the very nature of the group. This struggle came to a head recently when ACT-UP San Francisco split in two, unable to agree on the fundamental outlook of ACT-UP.

Don't sell KING for a Copper Bowl RING

In mid November, UC Berkeley indicated that it would accept a bid to the Copper Bowl, despite the growing controversy surrounding the November 6 vote in Arizona regarding the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. Protests began immediately after this announcement from several student and faculty groups, including Direct Action Against Racism (DAAR), Anti-Columbus Coalition, Students Against Intervention in Central America (SAICA), South Asian Student Alliance, Office of External Affairs of ASUC, African American Students for Racial Justice, Women of Color in Coalition, MEChA, and the local chapter of the NAACP. The protests continued to grow in intensity until the acceptance date, including actions at University Hall, a march to the stadium during the Big Game, and several press conferences.

These protests were met with violence and unmasked racist attacks by Copper Bowl supporters and passers by. At the Big Game, although protesters were not suggesting people boycott the Big Game, alumni and current students shouted, "nigger," "why don't you go back on welfare," and the like. In one case a student pushed an African American woman out of his way, as she pushed back in outrage, the cops came to protect the racist! This scene was topped off with the student's grandmother calling the woman dirt.

People have been claiming all along that football is not political. However, the intense back lash since the protests began prove that it is. Many students and alumni who feel that football is ultimately more important than anything that the University stands for - including standing up to principle.

The State of Arizona must be made to realize that there are consequences for their vote against the King Holiday. The staging of the Copper Bowl, like the Fiesta Bowl and Super Bowl, bring revenue and prestige to Arizona. The boycott ensures that there will be both financial and political consequences for the decision of the voters.

While UC Berkeley has historically stood for a commitment to equality and opportunity for people of all races, this commitment is fundamentally compromised by the decision to play in the Copper Bowl. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday is the only national holiday that recognizes the contributions of a person of color. As such, its celebration is more than just symbolic. It is an affirmation of this society's commitment to equality and justice for people of all races. UC Berkeley must continue to demonstrate its dedication to this principle.

Protestors also condemned the callous use of the African-American football players to justify a decision made by the university and athletic department. This has done irreparable harm to the cohesiveness of the African-American student population on campus and has produced enormous tension within it, and it is another blatant example of the exploitation of black athletes by the university.

Many feel that Chancellor Chang-Lin Tien is going back on his commitment to a world vision that encompasses all of the world's peoples. This is what has made the University of California the great world renowned institution of higher learning that it is today. We applaud and support this commitment and this vision; however, the decision by the university to allow its football team to play in Arizona severely undermines the achievement of this vision. We therefore urge the administration to rescind this decision.

On November 24, the bid for the Copper Bowl was officially accepted by UC Berkeley. Students and faculty are continuing to meet and take action.



The Anti-Columbus Coalition

With war in the Middle East growing more inevitable every day, the Anti-Columbus Coalition has been busy mobilizing students at Berkeley, SF State, and several local high schools and other Bay Area universities to take action the day after armed conflict begins. In recent weeks, the Anti-Columbus Coalition has been taking the lead in organizing, educating, and mobilizing people in response to the military buildup in the Middle East, and establishing a network of activists on several campuses to take the message to as many people as possible. Outreach has been effective in mobilizing Diablo Valley College, Chabot College, SF State, Stanford, and others to participate in the TDA (the day after) activities, which will be at 5:00 pm on the corner of Market and Powell in downtown SF, and will basically consist of shutting down the city and waking people up to the horrible realities of war.

However, the ACC is doing much more than planning a reaction to war; the most important thing is to try and prevent it from ever starting. The whole country looks to Berkeley for leadership on issues such as these, and this time is no exception. We have organized several teach-ins to date (including the Student-Faculty Teach-In/Press Conference on November 14 which drew 300 and was partially televised), held several demonstrations in and around the ROTC building on campus (in which 19 people were arrested and a few people hurt due to instances of police brutality), and worked with Students for Peace in the Persian Gulf to hold vigils on Sproul Plaza at 9:00 pm every night (which have drawn an average of 100 people, with more expected as the word gets out). Because Berkeley is the vanguard of the campus-based anti-war movement, our activities have been covered in both local and national press and TV, and the ASUC has been contacted by several campuses across the country who are interested in joining the movement.

In addition to leading the campus anti-war movement, the Anti-Columbus Coalition has been living up to its name by organizing students in response to the recent acceptance of the Copper Bowl bid by UC and the continued teaching of racist theory by Professor Sarich. The coalition, along with Direct Action Against Racism (DAAR), sponsored a rally during the Big Game which drew a lot of media attention and opened up the debate on the issue. Also, along with DAAR, ACC has been involved in the exposure of Professor Vincent Sarich's Nazi-like anthropology class, and has been organizing direct action in response to it. The groups staged two protests in Sarich's class and will be meeting with University officials in the near future to discuss the situation.

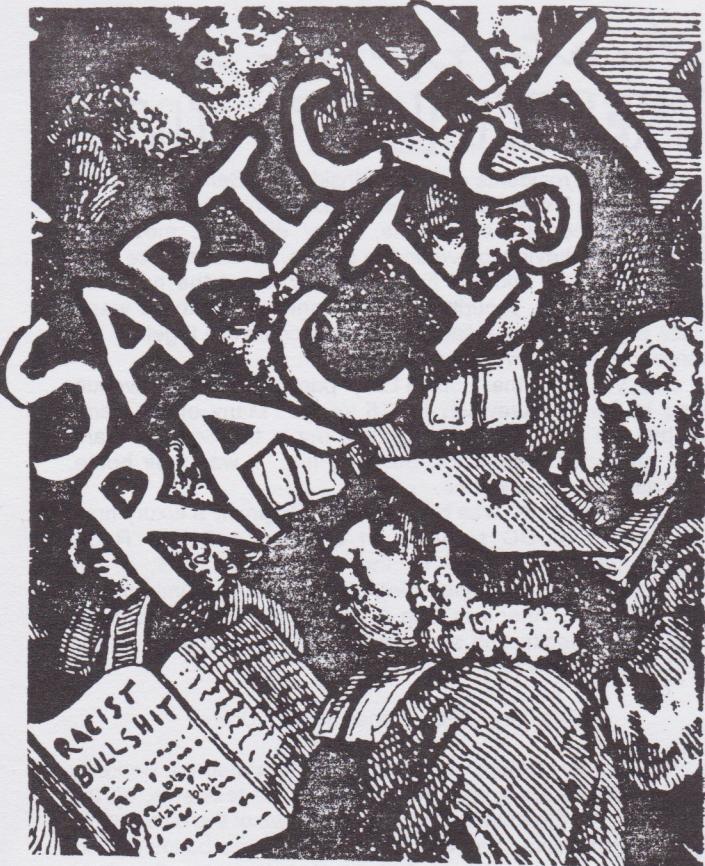
Anyone who wishes to join the Anti-Columbus Coalition to get involved in any of the several projects that are going on can go to any of the weekly meetings in 287 Dwinelle Hall at 7:00 pm., or can call Farhad Ghaussy at 843-9228 or Shahed Amanullah at 848-9562/642-1431.

by Shahed

Contribute to SLINGSHOT

As of December, 1990, SLINGSHOT will be in DEBT! WE really want to put out our next issue, it will hopefully be a coalition type newspaper with other radical/anti-racist, direct action type groups who don't have a lot of resources. So Contribute Now! SLINGSHOT

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UC Berkeley CA 94704



Below is a transcript of the statement released by the Ad Hoc Committee Against Professor Sarich when they took over his Anthropology 1 class last month:

NO MORE RACIST BULLSHIT IN THE NAME OF ACADEMIC FREEDOM!

To remain silent to the racist course being taught by Sarich is both immoral and unacceptable. It is immoral because as members of historically oppressed communities we have the responsibility to fight the power structures and mechanisms that produce the ignorance and values that have kept our communities from accessing the opportunities necessary to overcome centuries of exploitation and denial. It is unacceptable because we can not -- and will not -- remain passive while this university allows white supremacists like Sarich to go unchallenged in the name of academic "excellence." We are being used by this university to legitimate social inequality by being forced to master discourses that are responsible for our own oppression while at the same time invalidating our experiences and history.

It is because we believe in education that we are here today to tell Sarich that we will not allow his racist bullshit anymore. An education system that is based on the reproduction of values and people necessary for this society to exploit other people is not an option for us. An education system that produces knowledge that allows police to beat up black kids in San Leandro and legitimates US imperialistic adventures in the Middle East has to change. A university that allows Sarich's racist agenda to go unpublished under the banner of meritocracy and academic freedom leaves us no option but to take a stand against such blatant racism.

Let's not forget that our education is a political process. We are here not because of the goodness of the Regents nor because our brain sizes somehow increased and made us smarter, as Sarich would probably argue. We are here as a result of political struggles. Let's not forget that we can not talk about knowledge without talking about power. Therefore we have no option but to challenge the power that keeps producing racist-sexist-homophobic knowledge in a context of exploitation.

Get Involved in the Fight Against Racism Now!
Direct Action Against Racism

The University

UC Regents, Claiming to represent the people of California, the Board of Regents is 95% white male big money interests.

Chancellor Tien, UC Honcho, organizer of the "Southside Enhancement Committee." Determined to keep the UC students from having to look poverty straight in the eye.

Milton Fujii, UC Community Relations Officer, Hired recently by UC to be the official "nice guy" PR man. Simply a talking head.

David Stoloff, UC Housing Specialist. Mr. Stoloff is the man behind plans to rebuild the Berkeley Inn as dorms.

Dorothy Walker, UC Vice-Chancellor of Property Development. She is in charge of the development of People's Park.

Victoria Harrison, UC Chief of Police. Directs the UC police in their campaign of harassment and violence against homeless people.

Prof. Robert Price, UC Poli Sci, Wrote an exceptionally racist and bigoted piece in the Daily Cal blaming the homeless for the Dashti tragedy. Former(?) CIA man.

UC Police

Sifuentes (#37) and **Braunecker** (#44), have in the last few months acted as a team to repress as many Southside residents as possible, including PRC member Osha Neumann.

Takaoka (#54), while on duty is known for his random threats of, "if you get out of line, the police will get you."

Onciano (#60) protects the citizens of Berkeley by doing ID checks on dangerous people such as those without bike licenses.

Other groups

Willard St. Neighborhood Ass'n, A small group of bigoted Southside yuppies dedicated to the preservation of high property values.

Telegraph Avenue Merchants Ass'n, headed by **Rebecca Rhine**, they portray all homeless as criminals, and block much-needed social services.

Southside Enhancement Committee. The official UC/City anti-homeless action group. Made up of Tien, Hancock and UC/City bureaucrats.

The Daily Californian, To UC and City's glee, the DC always has nasty lies and assumptions to project about the Southside homeless "problem."

Berkeley Cops

Gabriel (#17) responds to a rape victim with sensitive questions like, "do you like violent sex" and "are you a virgin?"

Meredith (#102) is one of BPD trained strip-searchers.

Sieb was reassigned away from the Southside after community furor over his racist and anti-homeless violence.

PROMINENT SOUTHSIDE CRIMINALS



EXHIBIT "A"
"SOUTHSIDE ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE"

The City

Michael Brown, Berkeley City Manager, the most powerful person in Berkeley. A staunch supporter of gentrification and trickle-down economics.

Loni Hancock, Berkeley Mayor, Claims "Berkeley is doing it's fair share" for the homeless but has presided over a reduction of 350 SRO housing units.

Dash Butler, Berkeley Chief of Police, in charge of running the homeless out of Berkeley, author of "directive 1080" ordering police to arrest homeless.

Eric Landes-Brennan, City Homeless Coordinator, the official City PR guy, another talking head (see Milton Fujii).

Fred Weekes, City Council, Mayor(?) Opposes low-income and senior housing, "most homeless want to live outdoors."

Berkeley Citizens Action (BCA), Berkeley's pseudo-progressive party which toes the line of liberal yuppie gentrificationism.

Steve Pascowitz, City Human Services Member of UC Southside Enhancement Committee. Banal Berkeley bureaucrat.

Manuela Albequerque, City Attorney Rubber stamps all anti-homeless (anti-sleeping, anti-panhandling, etc) ordinances.



THE POWER OF PEOPLE'S PARK

BY STEPHEN

SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE WEST ARE BITS OF WILDERNESS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN CONQUERED BUT

ONLY ONE PIECE OF LAND HAS EVER BEEN TAKEN BACK

AND CENTURIES AGO THE DIGGER'S LIVED ON THE COMMON LAND BUT NOW

ONLY ONE PIECE OF LAND IS TRULY HELD IN COMMON BY THE PEOPLE



THERE IS ONE CITY WHERE THE PARK LIES
ONE CITY



WITH GAPPING CRACKS IN THE CITADEL OF POWER OVER

///

THE PARK IS A HOLE IN THE FABRIC OF AMERICA

THE PARK IS SACRED GROUND //

THE PARK IS THE GRAIL OF THE PRESENT AGE

THE PARK IS A HOT SPOT OF MAGIC FORCES



THE POWER OF THE PARK IS THE POWER OF THE PEOPLE

THE POWER OF THE PEOPLE IS THE POWER OF THE PARK



ONE PARK
ONE CITY



ONE PEOPLE

ONE LOVE

DON'T FUCK WITH US!

People's Park is more than just a piece of land in Berkeley's Southside area; it represents the struggle of a community against the university and the gentrification it promotes. Now in the midst of the University's Long Range Development Plan, People's Park is in jeopardy again.

The first LRD and the 60's

A similar LRD released in 1956 led to the infamous bloody confrontation of 1969. Throughout the 1960's cultural, social, and political rebellion had established Berkeley as the most explosive college community in the United States. Escalation on all these levels continued year by year and the University's rulers were increasingly desperate to turn the tide. Clearing out the Southside of campus, where the "rot" had started, was one possible route.

By 1968, the University as part of the 1956 LRD had bought all the property that is now People's Park, and evicted all the tenants from the 30 houses which stood there. After they demolished all the buildings, there wasn't enough money to build the dorms they wanted. Bad planning guys! So for a long time the ugly lot was used as an informal parking lot.

The people create a park

In March 1969, a few people decided to turn the land into a park for the community. An article appeared in the Berkeley Barb (95,000 circulation), a weekly underground newspaper, calling for people to bring their shovels, hoses, chains, grass, etc. the following day. In the next few months, many thousands of people from all walks of life came to work in

the park. It gained the support of the entire community (excepting the University of course). Trees, flowers, bushes and vegetable gardens were planted, and a swingset and other children's play equipment were put in. The joy of anarchy in action made a lot of people forget the threat of a serious crackdown.

The university's crackdown

As different student and community groups were trying to negotiate with an "eager" UC Berkeley administration to find a peaceful solution for the People's Park, a violent crackdown was secretly planned. The then governor, Ronald Reagan, was tired of "temporizing" and "appeasing." He said, "we must eliminate once and for all the professional students and faculty behind the rebellion. Bring in the police once the violence starts. There can be no sanctuary in this country."

On May 12, 1969, UC Berkeley Chancellor Heyns announced the University's plans: "We will have to put up a fence to re-establish the conveniently forgotten fact that the field is indeed the University's, and to exclude unauthorized persons from the site."

Early in the morning May 15, workers moved onto the site, protected by about 250 California Highway Patrol officers, and put up a fence. Wood spread, and by noon, 5000 People's Park supporters had gathered on Biko Plaza.



SLINGSHOT NATIONAL

A MESSAGE FROM THE SQUATTERS OF New York

In the last five years, the lower east side of N.Y.C. has witnessed the growth of a squatter's movement from the rubble of abandoned buildings that had been left rotting for over ten years. This purposeful neglect and abandonment was a direct result of urban renewal programs put in to effect after the inner city uprising's of the 1960's. Called spatial deconcentration, the plan was created to drive out and divide poor residents in order to prevent future rebellions and immobilize political activity. Not only did this provide their desired oppression of the poor, but it set up new opportunities for profit. Gentrification, the "upgrading" of neighborhoods to suit a wealthier class, at the risk of families, culture, and homes, set in.

While hundreds of apartments lay empty in disrepair, hundreds of womyn, children, and men lay in the streets, parks, and subways, homeless. Official housing groups have been working with the city and developers to keep buildings abandoned and lots vacant; they have driven up rents by restricting the amount of housing on the market. The poor have been forced out of their homes through rising rents, illegal evictions, authority encouraged drugs and violence and condo-conversions. The system's solution to their products is shelters where disease (such as AIDS and T.B.) and violence are rampant. Their schemes add up to eliminating poverty by killing the poor. Block after block of abandoned buildings expose the lie that there is a lack of housing for the poor. We are being denied housing because we can't and will not pay luxury rents or buy unsold condos.

10% of the population owns 95% of the property in N.Y. Their interests far exceed that of community needs, theirs' is only greed. We put the right to live justly above the right of so-called ownership. Through squatting we have created housing for ourselves and our community. We have built homes out of shambles with our own hands, empowered ourselves with self determination, and waged militant battles against authorities and police, in defense of our rights, to create a workable alternative to homelessness and state oppression.

The lower east side squatters are now being faced with the threat of mass evictions from our squatted homes in a desperate move by the state to crush a community of resistance during these times of political upheaval and deepening economic crisis. The lower east side coalition housing development and the lower east side mutual housing along with several other developers under the L.I.S.C./Enterprise Foundation Program, have joined hands with banks and private corporations in plans to take over properties including at least nine fully occupied squats under the guise of "low income housing development". In one proposal, 60% of this housing would go to those of an income of \$11,000 a year. This income range does not even cover those of minimum wage income, many single mothers, and a large portion of the black and Hispanic community of that area. The other 40% of housing will be for those of the income range of \$21,750 to \$48,000 a year. Developers claim that the higher income housing will subsidize (help cover the cost of) lower income housing. Squats are 100% low income and poverty housing that require no subsidizing whatsoever. It is obvious, at this point, that their concern does not lay with providing housing for the homeless, for all plans involving this so called "low income housing" give developers the right to sell these properties at full market value after 17 years (leaving tenants homeless). Eventually there will be no housing whatsoever for the lower class masses in N.Y.C. and with it will also disappear a major political stronghold, our diverse cultures and our community. A profit is to be made by taking power over the actions of the people rather than the people acting out of self empowerment and self determination. The developers plan is to destroy the squatters to accomplish this.

Approximately 400 adults and children could be evicted from their homes from the actions of these developers.

At this time the housing authorities (HPD) have claimed "site control" of nine squats (a major portion of the squatter community). They will not stop at these. Squatters in the Bronx, Harlem, and others are also under grave threat. As they prepare to evict us, we prepare our resistance.

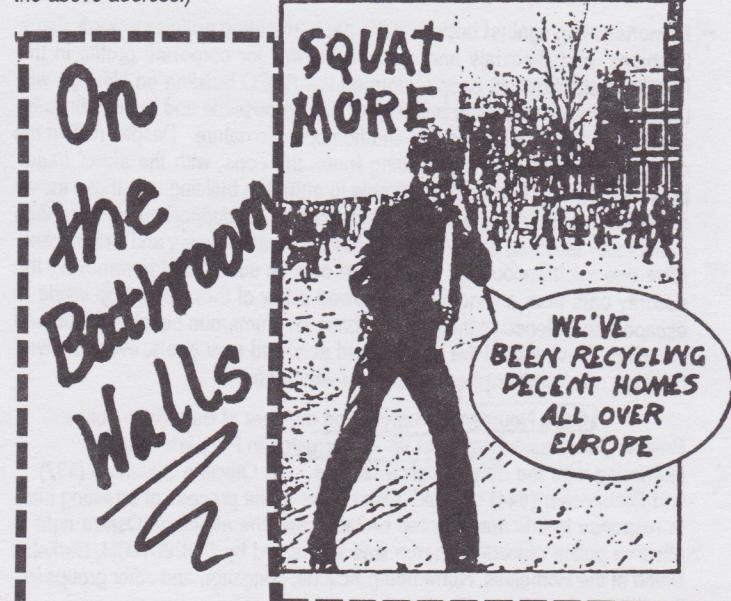
The battle has just begun. Solidarity is strength.

We need support in all forms: from defense tactics information to printing, supply, and legal funds, to letters of support. **Urgently!!**

International Solidarity Network

P.O. Box 20114 Tompkins Sq. Sta.
N.Y., N.Y., 10009 U.S.A.
FAX #212 924 9055

(I.S.N. is also attempting to start a political paper focused heavily on squatting and networking between different groups. They can be reached at the above address.)



A public list of student rapists? The women at Brown University are angry, and this is exactly how they've expressed it. Women have written the names of male students who have raped them on campus bathroom walls. After being told that date rape can often be "boiled down to a case of bad chemistry" by the dean of student life, women have taken matters into their own hands. Janitors have tried to scrub off the names, but they just keep reappearing! This time, attempts to wipe away the issues of violence against women have been unsuccessful. People are acting: Women are demanding a new dean post for women's issues, men have contacted women's centers wondering how to stay off the lists, and there has been a combination student-University forum.

Women at universities everywhere need to start making these lists, and men need to be accountable for their violence and violation. No, simply publishing names won't eradicate rape or the repeatedly enforced social values and institutions that feed into this violence against women. However, visibility and accountability are rarely taken seriously--especially when a rapist is an acquaintance. After all, the courts put women through hell only to hand down light sentences, and the newspapers just blame the victim. Following our sisters at Brown is a noisy and effective way to let men know that we will be heard and we won't take shit for it.

by Pink Spoke

DiReCT ACTION UPDATE

The mainstream media's refusal to touch any news of militant opposition to the Bush administration's consistent attempt to start a war in the Gulf does not mean that state policies are being passively accepted.

Throughout the last few weeks, activists have expressed their opposition through numerous creative and defiant actions intended to shut down the US war machine before it can wreak its hateful havoc on the people of the Persian Gulf. Here, then, is a brief and incomplete report of recent demonstrations and direct action in the Bay Area.

About 300-350 protesters gathered in the early morning of Oct 29 at the Pacific Stock Exchange for an all encompassing, anti-war, anti-corporate pro-environment demonstration. The morning began with street theater that resulted in some nice oil stains on the steps of the Exchange. The spontaneous marches occurred around the exchange and through the financial district with people chanting, blockading Chevron, spray painting, and being a general nuisance in the business world. Some macho males tried to up the militancy by trashing a McDonald's but it proved more internally divisive than anything. Overall it was a fun and disruptive morning with 61 people getting arrested. Jail solidarity worked fairly well as 57 people had their charges dropped. The remaining four face malicious mischief-type charges.

Activists occupied Sen. Pete Wilson's S.F. Office to call for an immediate end to U.S. aid to the death squad government of El Salvador

See p.13 for more info

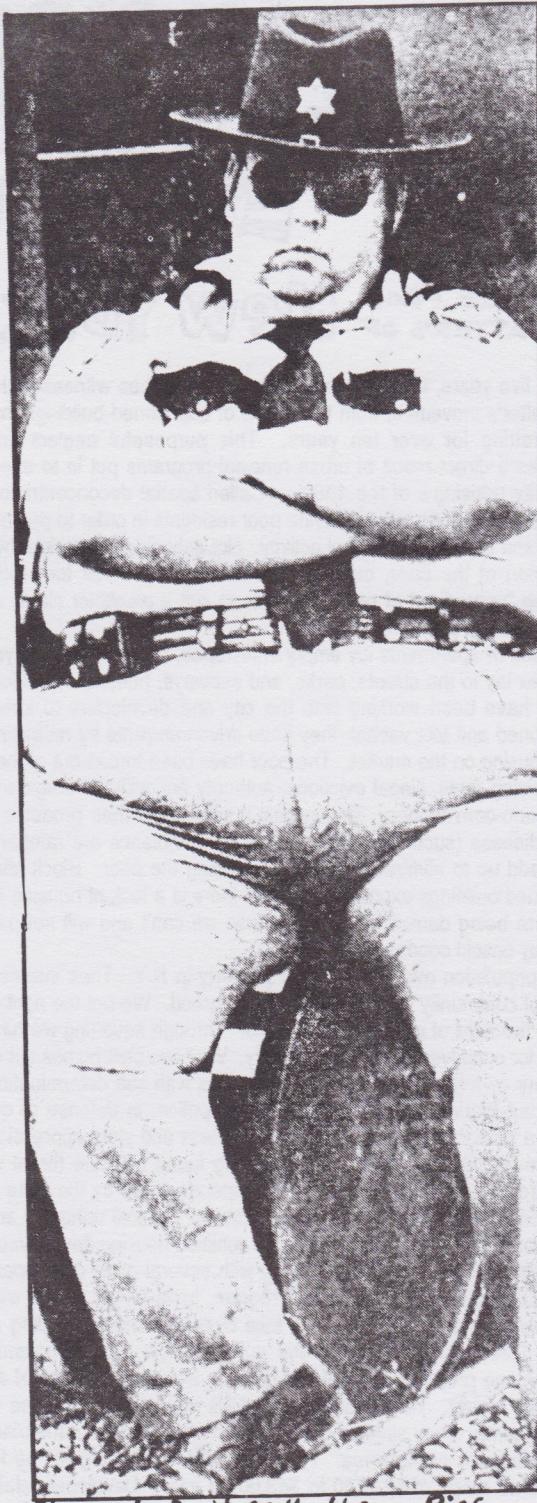
Demonstrating against both ROTC's discriminating policies towards Gays, Lesbians, and Bisexuals and against the war for corporate profits in the Middle East, about 35 people stormed the ROTC building on Nov. 13 with the intention of holding the building as long as possible and thereby drawing attention to ROTC's destructive and homophobic nature. Despite nailing the doors shut and heavily barricading them, the cops, with the aid of eager brainwashed ROTC robots, were able to enter the building. As those inside retreated into an office, a crowd rapidly formed in support outside and was periodically attacked by such illustrious cops as Sifuentes and Braunecker. After one such encounter, when those outside succeeded in removing the security bars from a window and allowed a few of those holed up inside to escape, the violence of the pigs response left numerous people bruised and bleeding. Having held the building and achieved their goals, everyone was cited out on charges of trespassing and vandalism.

Osha Neumann, a lawyer and member of Berkeley's Police Review Commission was beat up and arrested in People's Park for interfering with the duty of police officers. UC Officer's Sifuentes (#37) and Braunecker (#44) cracked Osha's ribs in the process of arresting him. In response to this unwarranted brutality, and the attack on Osha's right to observe police officers, a march was sponsored by COPWATCH, Berkeley Union of the Homeless, Nuremberg Actions, Slingshot, and other groups in the community.

The march began in People's Park on November 8 at 4:30pm. About 300 people came out and marched up Telegraph to the UC Cop Shop. Once there, we had a speakout in which many members of the community told stories of the ways they have been brutalized at the hands of police officers. We also presented our demands to UC Police Chief Victoria Harrison, who was not very pleased with our presence. The demands were to 1) Drop the charges against Osha 2) Dismiss Officers Sifuentes and Braunecker 3) Stop the campaign of harassment against the homeless and their supporters.

About 50 people remained after the march to attend a meeting that was planned in Barrows Hall for the future rules of use for People's Park. We were met with about 20 cops in riot gear, who would not only stopped us from entering, but would not let some members of the panel who chose to walk out, leave the building. After they were finally let out, we went back to the Cop Shop awaiting a written response to our demands. Milton Fuji went in to tell Chief Harrison that we would wait until we had a written response, and about 15 minutes later 10 cops came out to arrest us for trespassing. Eleven people in total were arrested. They took us to Santa Rita. We are still wondering when the campus shut down, so that they would consider us trespassers. We know the answer. It didn't shut down, and we weren't trespassing.

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Please! Don't call them Pigs.



ACTIVISTS OCCUPY SEN. PETE WILSON'S S.F. OFFICE TO CALL
FOR
AN IMMEDIATE END TO U.S. AID TO THE DEATH SQUAD
GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR

-- By Bill Scott

"Protesters! They tricked us! HIDE THE BABY!" one woman shrieked as we walked casually into our Senator's office to persuade him to cut aid to El Salvador. Approximately 25 people occupied U. S. Senator Pete Wilson's San Francisco office for several hours on Wednesday October 10th, the eve of the Senate vote to cut by 50% U.S. military aid to El Salvador. The occupation, organized by the Oakland-based Pledge of Resistance, took place as a simultaneous demonstration at the Salvadoran Councilate distracted the attention of the San Francisco Police Department. Six of those involved in the occupation (myself included) blockaded ourselves within his inner office by placing his desk and other office furniture behind the closed door, while outside in the main office others chained themselves to furniture, draped themselves in bloodied burial shrouds, and decorated the office with photographs of Salvadoran corpses whose torture and murder Wilson has consistently voted to finance. Those of us blockaded in his inner office conducted live telephone interviews with several radio stations and newspapers, and hung several banners out the windows challenging Pete Wilson to vote for the cut in military aid to El Salvador. Unfortunately, we did not have time to eat the baby.

The police arrived on the scene shortly before the crowd of demonstrators who had been picketing the Salvadoran consulate arrived. The latter conducted a support demonstration on the street below Wilson's office, helping to draw further the attention of the media and the cretins who inhabit San Francisco's business district. Those of us occupying the office issued our demands: (1) We demanded that Pete go to Washington to vote for the 50% cut in military aid to El Salvador, and, developing this newly acquired ethical acumen further, initiate legislation for a *complete* cut in *all* U.S. aid to El Salvador, recognizing that all aid is war-related; (2) we demanded that he retract his numerous false statements which included branding CISPES a terrorist FMLN front (an allegation previously invoked by the FBI to 'justify' their harassment and infiltration of CISPES and other solidarity groups) and alleging that the right-wing crypto-fascist ARENA party is a "strong democratic center," (a State-Department falsehood perpetuated by the liberal media which is hostile to the Bush administration); and (3) we demanded that we be able to speak to Pete directly. Naturally, all of these demands were met immediately. **continued on page 14**

BERKELEY It's not just for radicals anymore.

Discover Berkeley and the newly renovated
Shattuck Hotel/ Berkeley Conference Center.

It used to
be low income/
SRO housing.



It's for Yuppies Now!

"SHITWORK ≠ TOILETS"

In the October Slingshot Women's Issue, mention was made about Shitwork and Revolution. About white men marching off to start the glorious revolution, and leaving women and people of color behind to clean up the mess. Now let's take this one step further and talk about the SHIT in our lives. If the personal is political, then why is it that men, even men of color leave SHIT not only in the tracks of the glorious revolution but in the tracks they make to their "sisters" beds.

Why is it that the man of color in my life who "loves me for being a Black Woman and loves me for being me" could lie in my bed and with sudden hands of steel pin me to my own mattress, my own fucking futon, restraining me painfully like a child until he's done asserting his will over mine.

Why is it that two out of two men at work when asked in conversation "...how many kids do you have..." could carelessly shrug their shoulders and reach for another serving of self-righteous vegetarian cuisine.

This is not to say who's right and wrong. This is not about P.C. This is about real human SHIT and the way it stenches when it's left all around you. This is about real human SHIT and how after marching for women's rights to safe and legal abortion all day he was tired. Falling absently into her bed he wrinkled his face in annoyance, remembering from some all ready left behind corner of himself to not sigh in exasperation when she said, "wait" and went to go get the birth control.

All that I'm trying to say is that I don't think we're ready even to talk about Shitwork and Revolution. Let's talk about Shitwork in my human heart, or Shitwork in my thighs. "Now go find yourself a toilet...it's the proper place." (Letter to Slingshot Collective 11/90)





Midwifery is illegal in California. According to the law, a lay midwife does not have the right to attend to a woman who has chosen her services at that woman's birth. All lay midwives in California are practicing illegally and can be arrested.

The same patriarchal power structure that burned our sisters in the witch hunts of Salem is now attempting to incarcerate our midwives.

Stopping midwives from practicing has nothing to do with the safety of the women giving birth. Statistics show that home birth with a trained lay midwife is as safe or safer than hospital birth with a doctor, and home birth usually entails less complications. This present day witch hunt is not about safety. What it's about is competition, disempowering women and upholding the patriarchy.

Throughout history, women - midwives, witches and healers - have been the traditional attendants of birthing women. Their purpose was to maintain the integrity of the birth experience and to support the woman giving birth. Their role was not to *deliver* the baby, but to support the woman to birth the child, drawing on their own experience and wisdom to help her when necessary. They were and are the guardians of normal birth. They preserve the experience for what it is: a time of empowerment, a time of wildness. A birthing woman is a wild woman. A wild woman is a powerful woman, and a powerful woman is a dangerous woman. This is why the male establishment is trying so hard to coopt this experience, to turn it from a wild feminine affair into a more clinical male experience. They have relegated us to hospitals to birth our children. Pregnancy and birth, like menstruation, are considered illnesses by the male establishment, so they confine us to places of illness during birth. They have us strapped to machines, on our backs. We are routinely cut so our births will fit their schedules, in Caesarean deliveries and episiotomies, which consist of cutting the perineal muscles to enlarge the vaginal outlet. Seen physiologically, this is genital mutilation. (Often the rationale for this butchery is so that the vagina will be tighter after suturing, so as to give more pleasure to male partners during intercourse.) This is the male experience of birth.

Midwives, on the other hand, attend birth with their hands. With olive oil and hot compresses they enhance the suppleness of the perineum, to avoid cutting and tearing. They bring a stethoscope to check the well being of the baby, and, most important of all, their infinite patience.

Doctors deliver babies. They control the experience with machines, technology, and surgery. They tell women what to do, when to push. Midwives attend birthing women. They are under the control of the experience, for no one can truly "control" birth. Furthermore, since lay midwives cannot practice legally, women can't use their health insurance or MediCal to pay for their services. Again, as in abortion and so many other aspects of women's health care, poor women lose out. Poor women have only the choices the male medical establishment offers - choices that do not respect women's interests, desires, or needs. Midwives cannot accept insurance, cannot practice legally, but they can be arrested and they can be sued. They are being hunted and they are being persecuted. The attack on midwifery is an attack on women.

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Pete's office workers were somewhat miffed by all this hubbub and asked the police, who unlike us did not have an appointment, to remove the demonstrators from the inner office. After trying to force the door open with no success, the police stewed for a while, and then finally suggested sawing the door or adjacent wall down to remove us, and stated that they would charge us with several felonies and make us pay for repairs if we did not come out. They were clearly perplexed about how to handle the blockade, so we chose to wait them out. After a couple of hours, the police arrested those in the outside office and lead them away. At that point we decided it might be prudent to leave, so we did, and were promptly arrested. Pete's office workers and plain-clothed invited guests dutifully scurried about collecting souvenir photographs of us while we tried to explain to them, in simple and monosyllabic terms, what Pete's funding for death squads in El Salvador was doing. I don't think they caught on.

Everyone involved agreed that this had been one of the best examples of a direct action that they had been involved in. The excitement and positive energy and empowerment can hardly be described with words, but began to develop immediately as we entered the office greeted by the woman who thought we might be cannibals, carried us through as we draped the banners outside the window, conducted interviews, and lasted throughout our arrest and detention. We were quite pleased with

ourselves. The D.A., on the other hand, has been less than good-humored. Several of us were arraigned last week for a previous visit to Sen. Wilson's office in which we sat down on the sidewalk after being told we could not speak with our elected representative or one of his aides. (Democracy in action, from the Salvadoran Center point of view, no doubt.) The D.A. dropped charges against everyone except the two of us who participated in the subsequent office occupation, who have been singled out for special treatment. The D.A. wants to go to trial. We will be arraigned on the latter charges on Nov. 19, and would be quite happy to have the support of anyone interested at this hearing. (Contact the Pledge at 655-1177).

POLICE BRUTALITY

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they were unwelcome in Berkeley. Now Liet. Handy and the Southside "Coalition" are attempting to do the same regarding the "homeless."

Recently, Berkeley Police Review Commission member and lawyer for homeless people Osha Neuman was beaten and arrested by UC cops. Sifuentes (#37) and Brachecker for obstructing a police officer in the course of his/her duty. Osha was asking for a badge number. Despite demonstrations and petitions demanding Sifuentes dismissal, this officer has been assigned to every public protest and additional patrols along the Avenue. Rather than keep a law profile, we believe that UC is trying to make an example out of the Neuman incident. They want to tell the community that even asking for a badge number interferes with police and their actions. If they can do this to a police review commissioner, it is safe to assume that they could or would do it to anyone else.

At COPWATCH, we believe that instead, we must make an example of Sifuentes by achieving his dismissal as well as that of any cop who is abusive or out of control.

We, as a community, must take control of our police force. The Mayor and the Chancellor can't do it, but we can. First, by making individual cops accountable for their actions, second, by challenging those who give the cops their orders (i.e. UC Vice-Chancellor Daniel Boggan--aka Mr. I HATE THE HOMELESS and City Manager Michael Brown--aka Mr. LET THEM FREEZE).

In general, our best defense is to spread the word and raise a consciousness about the need to stop and watch police whenever they are detaining someone. Get badge numbers and other info (witness names, place, time, charges) and report it to COPWATCH. Defend your RIGHT to observe the police. If they tell you to move, tell them that you know that you have the right to observe. Don't identify yourself unless you are being arrested. Report cop crimes. If you stop and watch for someone you don't know, maybe one day someone will watch out for you. Solidarity through community; we're in this together. And most importantly: REFUSE TO BE ABUSED. *by Andrea Pritchett*

queer IS NOT ENOUGH

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The split revolved around whether ACT-UP should focus its energy solely on increasing the treatments available to People With AIDS (PWAs), or include issues of accessibility to such treatments for women, people of color and the poor.

The people who went on to form ACT-UP Golden Gate argued that it was draining the time and energy of ACT-UP to deal with both treatment and accessibility. They felt that such issues were symptomatic of societal wide prejudices and were thus too large for the group to tackle while people are dying daily waiting for new AIDS treatments.

They also expressed dissatisfaction with the internal politics, a and process of ACT-UP SF. Some ACT-UP members, especially gay white males felt marginalized and disempowered by a vocal group of politically correct activists, particularly womyn and people of color.

It is tempting to adopt a live-and-let-live attitude about the split. Many feel that it was a good thing, because the two groups can now get on with the work that they want and need to do, without constantly bickering and infighting. They also argue that the two groups can be complimentary, by singly working on the issues without stepping on each others toes.

The politics of ACT-Up GG however are too problematic to go unchallenged.

Currently FDA drug trials are basically only available to white men. (some testing exists for other groups, but on an almost nonexistent level). Womyn and people of color are under represented and even unrepresented in most trials. These however are two of the fastest growing groups becoming infected with the HIV virus. An African-American womyn has a life expectancy of 6 months after being diagnosed with AIDS, where a white man can expect to live 2 1/2 years.

To ignore the issue of accessibility while fighting for more treatments is not only shortsighted, but is down right racist and sexist.

It should come as no surprise that ACT-UP GG is more than mostly white, male and middle class. The privilege that comes with this status comes at the expense of marginalized communities. By choosing to ignore accessibility, ACT-UP GG is exercising white male middle class privilege.

•QUEER NATION•

QUEER NATION is the newest hippest queer activist group. QN's purpose is to combat heterosexism, queer assimilationism, and queer related hate crimes. By dealing with queer issues, outside of the context of the AIDS struggle, QUEER NATION is a welcome addition to the queer movement.

The slogans "Queers Bash Back!" and "Queer Nation: Get Used To It." sum up the militant, in-your-face attitude of the group. Their initial goals were to challenge the ghettoization and invisibility of queer culture, and defend the queer communities against the increasing incidents of queer bashing.

Some of the first tactics QUEER NATION employed however illustrated some of the more troubling problems with racism and classism within the queer community.

One of the signature tactics of QUEER NATION is the friendly take-over of a straight bar. The idea behind such direct action is to force the straight community to deal with their queer neighbors.

This however is an exclusionary tactic. many queers are not old enough or could never afford to go to a bar, especially a straight bar. Do underage and poor queers need to be excluded from queer actions. Aren't they marginalized enough already? The queer community is not confined to over-twenty-one-year-old people who can afford yuppie cover charges and drink prices, and should not be presented as such.

Another tactic QUEER NATION has used is to go into communities where queer bashing has occurred, and demonstrate against such hate crimes. The idea of course is to reclaim the streets, and show that the queer community is prepared to defend itself.

The first such action however was shortsighted, a and made QN appear racist. This demonstration, of mostly white queers, went into a chicano neighborhood where a recent queer bashing occurred. Whenever a white group goes into a community of color to protest the actions of members of that community they are going to appear racist.

Clearly QUEER NATION was not trying to be racist. It was simply poor political judgement to single out a marginalized community when queer bashing is a pervasive problem in most american communities. QN needs to be sensitive to the affects of their actions on communities of color, and other socially alienated groups.

Another type of racism that is pervasive within the queer community is the supposition that white queer culture represents some sort of monolithic norm. This was illustrated during discussion about reprinting and distributing a controversial flyer titled 'I Hate Straights.' A white man suggested that the flyer be translated into a bunch of third world languages. Alone this would have been great, however he went on to explain that this was so that straights could read it too. This clearly represents the all too pervasive assumption that only whites are queer.

QUEER NATION need to be very careful not to present itself as representative of the queer community. In fact the very notion of a monolithic queer community is not only absurd, but usually mired in racist suppositions. This type of nascent racism need to be combated within the queer community in order for us to begin to fight heterosexism, and establish ourselves as a viable visible community.

The problems with ACT-UP and QUEER NATION are similar, and so is the solution. Rather than looking at the queer struggle in an insular and singular fashion, we need to be acutely aware of the connections between our struggle, and other liberation movements. We need to be cognizant of our own racism, sexism, and classism and frame our actions and our movement in terms of combating these problems, rather than perpetuating them. Lets truly be a movement without borders.

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4. The big reason now is that Hussein might be able to eventually have nuclear bombs. - The idea of nukes in Hussein's hands (or anyone including Bush for that matter) is not appealing. However, why the fuck are we so scared of this new "Hitler" after loaning him about 5 billion bucks this decade? In the eyes of US leaders Iraq must represent a tiny threat (at best Hussein will have nukes in ten years according to news reports) compared to those evil commies like Russia and China during cold war days. Why is the US so suddenly scared of nuclear weapons?

Furthermore, the US is a leading supporter of nuclear insanity. The US is the main opponent of a UN resolution for a world-wide ban on nuclear testing and plans to veto the plan in upcoming January. Also it was Western Europe who sold Iraq the technology to create chemical weapons, showing what little ethics capitalist countries have.

So why are we there then? By invading Kuwait, Hussein has made the Middle East region unstable for capitalism. Big Business needs to be able to make sure their heavy investments are safe as well as having a cheap supply of oil. Some oil companies (like Exxon, Chevron, etc...) would profit heavily if a war happens as oil prices would soar. The bottom line is power and money. Many oil sheiks like in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia have very nice deals with oil companies and western governments. They naturally support the U.S.'s position while Arab masses live in poverty and don't support U.S. war advances. It should also be noted that Kuwait's borders were created to serve as a resource plantation for England.

The US has nothing to offer but misery to the people of the Middle East. Look at how the US has left Panama in shambles. The US has replaced Noriega with a new puppet dictator with drug-smuggling ties. All over the world the US has supported dictators by building them up with incredible amounts of weapons. The US should get out now, stop meddling in other people's affairs, and let the Arab people determine their own fate.

The Middle East situation has also detracted from problems at home like an impending economic crash, the S&L scandal with his son knee-deep in it, rampant homelessness, ecological destruction, AIDS, etc. This is quite convenient for Bush, though probably not a conspiracy as some anti-war corners are saying.

The support for Bush's war in the Middle East is getting thinner by the day. Even lamestream America is questioning Bush's vague reasons as to why we're there. Around the country people from students to veterans to workers to parents to religious individuals to plain citizens are slowly building an anti-war movement. Teach-ins, protests, marches, GI resistance, civil disobedience, vigils, building take-overs are getting slowly bigger and more frequent. Even big time right wingers and high-ranking US military are speaking out against war. If this war goes down, people will hit the streets hard, loud, and angry. We will bring the war home faster than Bush could ever expect.

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Vacant Housing for Fun and Profit

Immediately after the fire, a group of housing advocates, non-profit developers, activists and Berkeley Inn residents demanded that the City of Berkeley begin Eminent Domain proceedings to take control of the building and reopen. They knew that Baines wanted to either keep the empty building as a tax shelter or sell it to the University for an incredible profit. Loni Hancock and the city completely ignored the housing activists.

Baines then went to courting the University. Having purchased the Inn for \$650,000.00, he put it on the market for \$2 million. The University almost bought the Inn in 1988, but community outrage at this, plus a "promise" by the City to buy the Inn, prevented this.

Baines spent the next two years taunting the city and Resources for Community Development, the nonprofit developer trying to acquire the Inn, using complicated legal/fiscal loopholes to keep ownership in limbo as he kept on jacking up the price of the Inn to up to four times the real value. Again it became obvious that only the strategy of Eminent Domain proceedings would wrest control of the empty building from the owner.

In Spring of 1990, a group of housing activists headed by the Berkeley Homeless Union began a drive to get the city to begin Eminent Domain. They collected hundreds of signatures, lobbied local politicos and did direct action at the Inn. Loni Hancock and city manager Mike Brown ignored them, again claiming that it would be "fiscally imprudent" to try to take back the Berkeley Inn. However, the city had been paying cops for years to "protect" the Inn, practically turning Southside into a police state when in 1989 "Day of Action" protestors tried to occupy the empty Inn.

Berkeley Inn Burns Again -- Arson? You Bet

So the Inn was empty, and was bound to stay that way, when on Friday Nov. 9 it burned down completely. A highly suspicious fire. 1) UC cops are thought to have been in the building that evening observing the anti-police violence protest that evening. 2) The fire spread extremely quickly -- not the kind set by a couple of homeless people and a tipped-over candle. 3) The fire department let the fire burn, contained, for over 20 hours, destroying any evidence. 4) The city of Berkeley tore the building down extremely quickly, covering up any possible remaining arson evidence. 5) The fire was started the day after Proposition E failed, upholding Berkeley rent control.

The University is gleeful, "extremely interested" in developing the Berkeley Inn site. They plan to build dorms and retail stores. With the building destroyed, City non-conversion ordinances do not apply anymore.

We cannot just sit and let the Berkeley Inn disappear forever. A coalition of former residents, homeless citizens, housing advocates and low-income housing developers will be working hard to develop proposals for a new Berkeley Inn. We cannot let our homeless brothers and sisters in the Southside down. We must REBUILD THE BERKELEY INN!!!

by Snakey Lick

**BERKELEY INN
COMMUNITY MEETING**
7:00pm
Wednesday, December 12
First Congregational Church
2345 Channing Way/Dana

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CALENDAR

Dec 6

Fuck The Army Show "The movie Nixon banned" --its about the anti-war GI resistance movement in Vietnam, 4-6pm 117 Dwinelle

Dec 7

Middle East teach-in including speakers discussing stuff like Jeff Paterson, people of color in war, parents against war, etc., etc. cost: \$5 (students \$3) at 7:30pm in Wheeler auditorium

December 8

Women Take Back the Night March -- Women Only . Meet at Stanyon/Oak St SF 5:00 pm rally 6:00 march.

Dec 11

Joint ACT-UP East Bay and the Oakland Homeless Union action for "a national week of outrage at the plight of women, children, and homeless people with AIDS" assemble 5pm at the Alameda county building, 1221 Oak St., Oakland, march 5:30pm to the Oakland City Council Meeting at the Garden Center at Lake Merrit rally at 6pm before the City Council Meeting

Dec 22

Homeless Anti-war action in Berkeley. Sponsored by BHAG, Berkeley Homeless Union, Food Not Bombs

Jan 4-5

nonviolent demonstration/civil disobedience at the Nevada Test sight because the US plans to veto the test ban treaty on nuclear weapons

HAPPENING EVERY WEEK:

COPWATCH meets Mondays at 8pm at its office on 2511 Channing. Anti-Columbus Coalition meets every Tuesday at 7pm in 217 Dwinelle. Direct Action Against Racism meets Sundays 11am 2511 Channing Wy. Vigil Against the War in Middle East -- EVERY NIGHT on Biko (sproul) steps.

THE DAY AFTER

a shooting war in the Persian Gulf begins...

The Anti-Columbus Coalition of UC Berkeley calls upon all University workers, students, and professors to: STOP ALL "EDUCATION AS USUAL" ACTIVITIES

- Tell your professors to turn the class into an open discussion about the war; if your professors say no. boycott your classes and meet at Sproul for open public debate

- at 12:00 noon, be at Sproul for an anti-war demonstration

- Use all public spaces - classes, coffee shops, university offices, public transportation - for ceaseless discussion about what the hell the US is doing

- Everyone should meet at Powell and Market in San Francisco by 5:00 pm to shut down the City by the Bay